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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji NISHI

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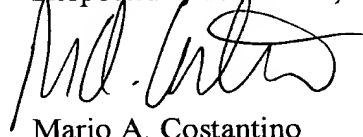
In reply to the May 16, 2003 Office Action, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-9, 14-39, 41-43, 45, 49-55, 68-70, 72-74, 76, 80-84, 96-99, 101-103, 105, 109-115, 128-142 and 189 are pending.

Applicant submits the attached Terminal Disclaimer that refers to Application Nos. 09/779,686 and 09/962,334. Applicant submits that submission of the Terminal Disclaimer renders the obviousness-type double patenting rejections set forth in the May 16 Office Action moot.

Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Terminal Disclaimer

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